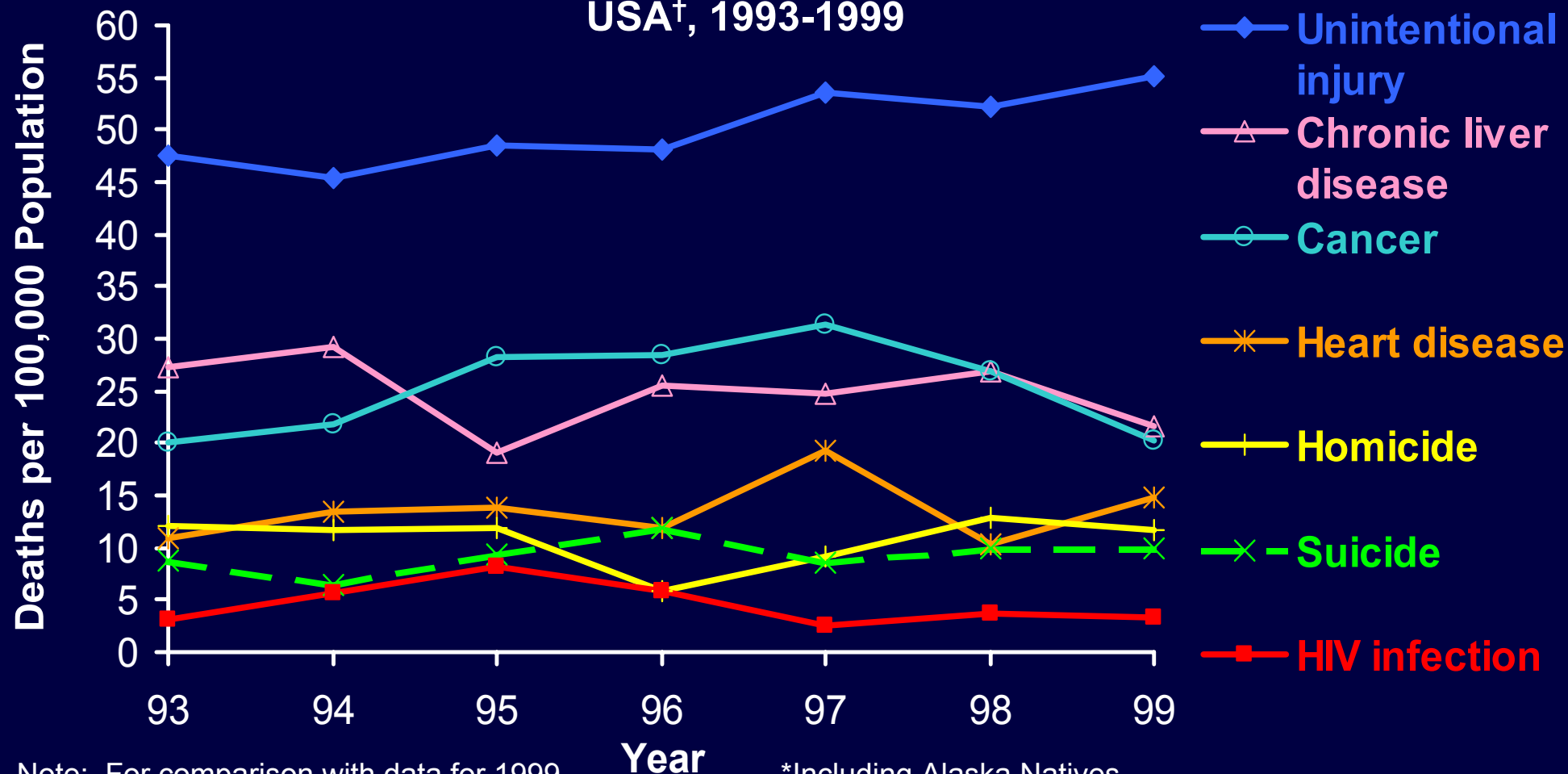


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Note: For comparison with data for 1999, data for 1987-1998 were modified to account for ICD-10 rules instead of ICD-9 rules.

*Including Alaska Natives..

†Excluding data from Oklahoma, where Hispanic ethnicity was not recorded on death certificates until 1997.

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